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SUMMARY: IN A MOVE WITH BLACK-TO -NORMALCY OVERTONES , THE
NEWLY INSTALLED NPC STANDING COMMITTEE HAS HELD ITS SECOND
SESSION TO RUBBER-STAMP VARIOUS DECISIONS, INCLUDING A
SPECIAL AMNESTY FOR "WAR CRIMINALS". AS MOST OF THESE ARE
FORMER KMT OFFICIALS, THE MAIN THRUST OF THE AMNESTY IS
DIRECTED TOWARD PROMOTING REUNIFICATION WITH TAIWAN.
MEANWHILE AS THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE PROLETARIAT CAMPAIGN
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UNFOLDS, THE REGIME HAS CAUTIONED CADRE ABOUT MOVING
ARBITRARILY AGAINST EXISTING ECONOMIC PRACTICES. ON
CAMBODIA NCNA CONTINUES TO PORTRAY US POLICY AND THE
POSITION OF THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT AS UNSALVAGABLE.

1. NPC STANDING COMMITTEE MEETS

IN A RETURN TO OLD, PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION PRACTICES THAT

COULD BOOST PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN STABILITY AND ORDER, THE NEW FORMED STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS (NPC) HELD ITS SECOND SESSION THE AFTERNOONS OF MARCH 17 AND 18 AND RUBBER-STAMPED A NUMBER OF DECISIONS, INCLUDING AMNESTY AND RELEASE OF ALL WAR CRIMINALS IN CUSTODY (ITEM 10). INPRESENTING THE AMNESTY PROPOSAL, VICE PREMIER AND PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER HUA KUO-FENG REITERATED THE REGIME'S PRESENT PREOCCUPATION WITH "STABILITY AND UNITY". OTHER AGENDAITEMS INCLUDED THE1975 NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLAN, EXPLAINED BY VICE PREMIER AND STATE PLANNING CHIEF YU CHU-LI, AND A REPORT ON EARTHQUAKE PRECAUTIONS AND RELIEF WORK IN THE FEBRUARY 4 LIAONING QUAKE. FOUR DEPUTIES TO NPC SECRETARY GENERAL CHI PENG-FEI WERE ELECTED, ALL VETERAN CADRES WITH VARIED BACKGROUNDS.

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2. DICTATORSHIP -- WORDS OF CAUTION AND MAILED FIST

CONCERNED THAT HASTY ACTION TO CURB BOURGEOIS RIGHTS COULD GIVE RISE TO OR MAY ALREADY HAVE PROVOKED SOCIAL UNREST, THE REGIME HAS APPARENTLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT CADRES ARE TO STUDY FIRST AND NOT TO ACT "ARBITRARILY, WITHOUT PERMISSION" IN CURTAILING EXISTING ECONOMIC PRACTICES. (HK 2796). TO ENSURE THIS ADHERENCE TO CENTER POLICY, AT THE BASIC LEVELS, THEPROVINCES STRESS THE SENDING OF CADRES TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO EDUCATE THE MASSES AND TO GET THE PRODUCTION JOB DONE (HK 2653). PEKING SEEMS UNCONCERNED ABOUT HOW LONG THIS REQUIRES THE CADRES TO STAY IN THE FIELD, AND IN SZECHWAN CADRES ARE TOLD TO STAY UNTIL THEWORK TASKS ARE COMPLETED (MARCH 15 BROADCAST).

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3. CADRE EDUCATION AND INVESTIGATION EFFORTS IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNTRYSIDE ARE BEING SUPPLEMENTED BY CONTROL EFFORTS VIWFYBMAD#TO IMPROVE SOCIAL ORDERS. THE MILITIA HAS BEEN CALLED OUT NOT ONLY IN SUHAN (HK 11), BUT ALSO IN HARBIN, NANKING AND URUMCHI. A RECENT TSINGHAI BROADCAST HAS ALIGNED MILITIA BUILDING WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE NPC, STRENGTHENING UNITY AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE "NEW LEAP FORWARD" AND USED VICE PREMIER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO'S NPC LANGUAGE REFERRING TO MILITIA AS A "PILLAR OF THE DICTATORSHIP". (HK 2754).

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4. FIRST INDICATIONSOF REGIME ATTENTION TO THE WAGE QUESTION SEEM TO IMPLY A REVISION OF WAGE SCHEDULES TO BETTER REFLECT WORKERS' NEEDS (HK 2600). A RED FLAG

ARTICLE PRAISING THE STAND OF A YOUNG SHANGHAI MESSHALL
CREW PUTS THE WAGE AND BENEFITS QUESTION IN MORALISTIC
TERMS AND URGES WORKERS NOT TO LOOK FOR MORE THAN THEY
DESERVE (SHANGHAI BROADCAST MARCH 11). HOWEVER, WORKER
EXPECTATIONS OF WAGE REVISION WILL PROBABLY MEANS SOME TOUGH
SLEDDING FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO REFORM THE WAGE SYSTEM WITHOUT
GIVING IN TO INCREASING WAGE DEMANDS.
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5. CENTER LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

CLOUDING THE VISIT OF GUYANA PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WAS HIS FAILURE TO MEET CHAIRMAN MAO (WR 11). HOWEVER, BURNHAM TOLD REPORTERS " I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT I WILL NOT BE SEEING HIM BECAUSE HE HAS A COLD" (AFP MARCH 14). MAO HAS NOW MISSED THE LAST THREE FOREIGN STATE VISITORS. IN CONTRAST, PREMIER CHOU CONTINUED HIS APPEARANCES " IN HOSPITAL", MEETING TWO VIP'S ON MARCH 17.
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6. STELLAR ROES PLAYED BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO- PIKNG AND HUA KUO-FENG IN CONNECTION WITH THE FEBRUARY 4 LIAONING EARTHQUAKE (WR 7) DEMONSTRATE THE LEADING POSITIONS THAT THESE TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE IN CHINA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS AS WELL AS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE (HK 2642). MEANWHILE, TENG'S WIFE, CHO LIN, WHO HAS BEEN MORE POLITICALLY ACTIVE IN HER OWN RIGHT SINCE MID-1974, NOW SEEMS TO HOLD AT LEAST A DEPARTMENTAL -LEVEL POST IN PEKING (HK 2760). BURNHAM'S VISIT SERVED TO GIVE FURTHER PLAY TO NPC VICE CHAIRMAN TAN CHEN-LIN WHO, FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FELLOW REHABILITEE YEH FEI (WR 10), LED THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS PROVINCIAL TOUR.
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7. POLITBURO MEMBER AND AGRICULTURE SPOKESMAN CHEN YUNG-KUEI AND HIS TRAVELING BAND OF TACHIA EXPERTS REMAIN ACTIVE.
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CHEN TURNED UP FIRST THIS MONTH IN GUKIEN ON MARCH 1, FOLLOWED HIS SPEECH THERE WITH A TOUR OF THE PROVINCE AND THEN MOVED ON TO KIANGSI FOR ANOTHER TALK ON MARCH 8. HE RUSHED BACK TO PEKING FOR A MARCH 11 MEETING WITH THE LEADER OF THE JAPANESE PEASANT'S ASSOCIATION WHILE HIS WORK GROUP CONTINUED ON TO KWANGSI FOR A MARCH 13 CONFERENCE.
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8. PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP

THE FUNERAL OF HOPEH PARTY SECRETARY AND CONCURRENTLY PEKING MR DEPUTY POLITICAL COMMISSAR, MA CHIEH, BROUGHT A LARGE TURNOUT OF PEKING MR OFFICIALS AND PROVIDED THE FIRST IDENTIFICATION OF HOPEH FIRST SECRETARY LIU TZU-HOU AS A POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF THE MR. LIU IS THE SEVENTEENTH PROVINCIAL FIRST SECRETARY OR RANKING SECRETARY WHOM WE NOW CAN IDENTIFY IN THE MR POLITICAL COMMISSAR RANKS, INDICATING A CONTINUING EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE PARTY CONTROL OVER THE PLA THROUGH AN INTELOCKING OF THE PARTY "POLITICAL COMMISSAR SYSTEM (HK A-46).
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9. IN SHANSI, PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WAS GREETED BY REHABILITATED VETERAN CADRE WNAG CHIEN (3768/6197) WHO WAS INDENTIFIED BY NCAN AS "CHIEF RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE", PRESUMABLY REPLACING HSIEH CHEN-HUA (HK 2755). THIS , COUPLED WITH A BROADCAST SPEECH BY AN UNIDENTIFIED "PRINCIAL RESPONSIBLE PERSON" OF THE HEILUNG-KIANG PROVINCIAL PARTY COMMITTEE (HK 2262), APPEARS TO MEAN FURHTER EFFORTS TO FILL THE BLANKS IN TOP PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP POSTS (WR 2). MEANWHILE, IN KIANGSI, YANG SHANG-KUEI (2799/1424/1145), THE FORMER FIRST SECRETARY (1956-67) REHABILITATED IN 1972 AND IDENTIFIED AS AN RC VICE CHAIRMAN IN APRIL 1973, WAS IDENTIFIED IN A MARCH 8 BROADCAST AS A PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARY .
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10. RELEASE OF "WAR CRIMINALS"

THE NCP STANDING COMMITTEE MARCH 17 GRATED SPECIAL ANMESTY TO "ALL WAR CRIMINALS IN CUSTODY" AND ORDERED THE RELEASE
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OF 293 PERSONS, MOST OF WHOM ARE FORMER KMT OFFICIALS. THIS IS THE FIFTH PRC ANMESTY FOR WAR CRIMINALS, THE LAST ONE BEING IN DECEMBER 1964. IN PRESENTING THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE RELEASE, PUBLIC SECURITY MINISTER HAU KUO-FENG CLAIMED IT WOULD "PROMOTE THE PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN" AND PROMISED TRAVEL MONEY FOR THOSE WHO WISHED TO GO TO TAIWAN. HE ALSO PROMISED A PEKING RECEPTION FOR THE GROUP TO MEET MARTY AND STATE LEADERS. THE RELEASE SEEMS IN KEEPING WITH THE EMPHASIS ON INCREASED CONTACTS WITH THE TAIWAN POPULATION MADE AT THE CELEBRATION OF THE FEB. 28, 1947 TAIWAN UPRISING AND STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT THE NEWLY RELEASED POW'S WILL BE USED EXTENSIVELY FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES (NCNA, MARCH 18).
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11. SUPERPOWERS

NCNA MARCH 16 CARRIED AN EXCERPT FROM PEOPLE'S DAILY OF THE SAME DATE WHICH HARKS BACK TO THE PRC EMPHASIS EARLIER THIS YEAR OF THE DANGER OF WAR STEMMING FROM INTENSIFIED SUPERPOWER CONTENTION. CITING STEPPED-UP MILITARY CONTENTION, THE ARTICLE DEPICTS THE SOVIETS AS THE MORE SERIOUS OFFENDER AND CALLS FOR VIGILANCE AGAINST THE USSR'S "STRETCHING ITS TENTACLES IN ALL DIRECTIONS". IN A SEPARATE CORRESPONDENT ARTICLE MARCH 18, NCNA FOCUSED ON THE SOVIET THREAT TO EUROPE, POINTING TO A RECENT MILITARY MANEUVER IN THIS "EUROPEAN TERRITORY" AND SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC, ARCTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN. THE ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT, IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOVIET THREAT, THE US IS INCREASING ITS COMBAT FORCES IN EUROPE AND HAS HELD A SERIES OF MILITARY EXERCISES. THIS ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT "THE STARK REALITY FACING EUROPE TODAY" IS THE "DAILY INCREASING DANGER OF A NEW WAR". (NCNA MARCH 14-18)
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12. BALANCING THIS VIEW OF WAR DANGER, NCNA CARRIED ANOTHER SET OF EXCERPTS FROM PEOPLE'S DAILY MARCH 16, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY FACTORS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING AND THAT "THIS MIGHTY TORRENT IS ROLLING ON IRRESISTIBLY." ILLUSTRATING THIS VIEW, THE ARTICLE CONTENDS THAT US EFFORTS TO PREVENT A GRUNK VICTORY ARE FUTILE, POINTS TO NEW BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, MENTIONS THE CONTINUED EFFORTS OF PALESTINIAN COMMANDOS, AND PRAISES THE CALL FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. THE TWO EXCERPTS WHEN READ TOGETHER ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE CURRENT PRC LINE OF "WHETHER WAR GIVES RISE TO REVOLUTION OR REVOLUTION PREVENTS WAR," WHICH HAS APPARENTLY PREVAILED OVER THE EARLIER PRC HEAVIER EMPHASIS ON THE DANGER OF WAR (NCNA, MARCH 16). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

13. CAMBODIA

NCNA CHARACTERIZES THE US AND GKR POSITIONS AS HOPELESS. IENG SARY LEFT PEKING MARCH 15TH AFTER TWO WEEKS OF TALKS, AND THE NEXT TWO DAYS SAW CORRESPONDENT PIECES ON FORD'S "FUTILE" CONTINUED AID EFFORTS (HK 2770) AND THE INCREASINGLY TIGHT SPOT LON NOL WAS IN. PRINCE SIHANOUK ISSUED A STATEMENT MARCH 18TH AND NCNA CARRIED EXCERPTS UNDERLINING THE MOVEMENT'S UNITY: "I REMAIN TO BE THE ONLY LEGAL HEAD OF STATE OF CAMBOIDA . . . I SWEAR TO ALWAYS REMAIN TRUE TO THE POLITICAL PROGRAMME OF THE NUFC." A TA KUNG PAO COLUMN MARCH 18 REFERRED TO A MILITARY COMMAND POST IN THE
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US EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH AND REPEATED THE NOW-FAMILIAR CHINESE LINE THAT US THINKING ON CAMBODIA HAD THE SAME MISTAKEN CONCERN WITH ITS "FALL" AS DID US POLICY TOWARDS CHINA AFTER WWII AND COMPLETELY IGNORED THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

14. VIETNAM

THE PLA MILITARY DELEGATION TO HANOI LEFT MARCH 14 AFTER MEETING WITH PREMIER PHAM AND GEN. VO NGUYEN GIAP. THE DELEGATION REACHED PEKING MARCH 17TH, APPARENTLY HAVING STOPPED OVER IN SOUTHERN CHINA EN ROUTE. COVERAGE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO HANOI REPORTS OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIONS AND THE AFP PROTEST AGAINST LEANDRI'S DEATH, BUT SEVERAL DRV PIECES CRITICAL OF THE US HAVE NOT BEEN REPEATED.

15. THIRD WORLD VISITORS

GUYANA - PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WAS IN CHINA MARCH 12-17, SAW PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI IN HOSPITAL, WAS CALLED ON BY PRINCE SIHANOUK, HELD THREE WORKING TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG

HSIAO-PING, BUT FAILED TO MEET WITH CHAIRMAN MAO. ON MARCH 14, BURNHAM WITNESSED THE SIGNING OF AN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT, WHICH REPORTEDLY PROVIDED AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN OF ABOUT US DOLLARS 10 MILLION AND APPARENTLY WAS THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT (GEORGETOWN 304). THE BANQUET TOASTS AND PRESS COMMUNIQUE WERE REplete WITH THIRD WORLD RHETORIC--SELF-RELIANCE, NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH EXPLOIT RESOURCES, UNITY, AND OPPOSITION TO IMPERIALISM, COLONIALISM, AND HEGEMONISM--WITH BURNHAM INCLUDING APPRECIATION FOR PAST PRC AID (NCNA, MARCH 12-17) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

16. SINGAPORE - FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM CALLED ON PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND HAS HELD TALKS WITH HIS COUNTERPART, FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA. NO DETAILS OF THEIR CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN PUBLICIZED EXCEPT FOR BRIEF EXCERPTS OF THE BANQUET TOASTS. IN THESE, CHIAO PRAISED SEA UNITY VIS-A-VIS "SUPERPOWER INTERFERENCE AND CONTENTION" AND THE "COMMON DESIRES AND INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES," WHILE RAJARATNAM VIEWED HIS VISIT AS "AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN THE
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DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS." REUTERS QUOTED RAJARATNMA AS BEING "VERY SATISFIED" WITH HIS TALKS, AS A RESULT OF WHICH HE CLAIMED ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL EXCHANGES WOULD "INTENSIFY." (NCNA, MARCH 13-17)
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17. MOROCCO - FOREIGN MINISTER AHMED LARAKI HAS BEEN
ACCORDED ROUGHLY EQUAL TREATMENT WITH THE SINGAPOREAN
FONMIN. HOSTED BY FONMIN CHIAO, HE ALSO CALLED ON PREMIER
CHOU. IN THE BRIEF EXCERPTS PROVIDED BY NCNA FROM THE

BANQUET TOASTS, LARAKI CLAIMED HIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC ACTIVITY WAS BASED ON AGRICULTURE AND PRAISED THE PLO. CHIAO TALKED ABOUT MOROCCO'S SELF-RELIANCE AND NON-ALIGNMENT AND, OF COURSE, ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE THIRD WORLD (NCNA, MARCH 15-18). UNCLASSIFIED

18. SINO-JAPANESE RELATIONS

THE PRC'S EAGERNESS TO MOVE AHEAD OF THE SOVIETS IN THEIR DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN APPEARS TO HAVE SLOWED A BIT AS PEACE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS HAVE STALLED ON THE PRC'S INSISTENCE TO INCLUDE AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE, AND FISHING TALKS HAVE APPARENTLY MADE LITTLE HEADWAY IN OVER TWO WEEKS. A THIRD SET OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN MARCH 13 WHEN JAPAN'S NEGOTIATORS ARRIVED IN PEKING TO SEEK AIR RIGHTS BEYOND PEKING TO EUROPE FOR JAL. WHILE THIS FLURRY OF OFFICIAL NEGOTIATIONS PROCEEDS, PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE CONTACTS HAVE CONTINUED UNABATED. TWO CHINESE YOUTH DELEGATIONS (WHO MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER) ARE CURRENTLY IN JAPAN WHILE THE JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY "ACTIVISTS" GROUP AND THE "OUTCAST COMMUNITIES" DELEGATION ARE TOURING CHINA. DURING THE WEEK ANNOUNCEMENTS WERE MADE THAT THE FIRST GOJ-SPONSORED CULTURAL DELEGATION WILL VISIT CHINA LATER
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THIS MONTH, A BANK OF CHINA GROUP WILL BE IN JAPAN IN EARLY APRIL, AND A PRC AGRICULTURAL DELEGATION IS EXPECTED IN LATE JUNE (NCNA AND KYODO, MARCH 12-18) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

19. SRI LANKA - ANURA BANDARANAIKE, SON OF THE PRIME MINISTER, IS CURRENTLY MAKING HIS SECOND TRIP TO PEKING IN A YEAR. ARRIVING FROM PYONGYANG ON MARCH 15, HE WAS HONORED AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY SENIOR VICE FONMIN HAN NIEN-LUNG THAT NIGHT AND ON MARCH 17 VISITED PREMIER CHOU, TO WHOM HE GAVE A LETTER FROM HIS MOTHER. THESE ATTENTIONS ARE A FAR CRY FROM BANDARANAIKE'S LOW-LEVEL RECEPTION IN JULY, 1974, WHEN HE HAD TO HOST HIS OWN COCKTAIL PARTY. PERHAPS THE LETTER HELPED (NCNA, MARCH 15-17). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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